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SUMMARY. IN WHAT COULD BE A PATTERN APPROACH FOR INTIMIDATING OR BRINGING DOWN TARGETED LEADERS THROUGHOUT CHINA, KIRIN'S TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION HAS LED AN ASSAULT ON ITS PROVINCIAL PARTY LEADERSHIP. THE WORKERS SHARPLY DENOUNCE KIRIN'S LEADERS FOR HAVING TRIED TO "SUPPRESS THE MASSES" AND HAVING INSTIGATED THEM TO "FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES," WHILE CERTAIN KIRIN OFFICIALS NOW SEEM POLITICALLY DISGRACED, IT REMAINS UNCLEAR WHETHER TRADE UNION FIGURES ARE EVENTUALLY TO HAVE A MAJOR ROLE IN REPLACING THEM IN THE TOP PROVINCIAL SLOTS. END SUMMARY.

1. AN APRIL 18 KIRIN BROADCAST CONSTRUCTS A REMARKABLY DETAILED MODEL OF HOW TO USE THE ANTI-LIN/CONFUCIUS MOVEMENT TO TOPPLE CHINESE PROVINCIAL LEADERS. THE BROADCAST SHOWS THAT UNDER THE COVER OF FOLLOWING THE CENTER'S INSTRUCTIONS, THE KIRIN TRADE
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UNIONS ARE FORCING KIRIN'S PARTY LEADERSHIP TOWARD A HOBSON'S

CHOICE OF AROUSING THE MASSES AGAINST LEADERS BEING DENOUNCED FOR NOT DOING SO.

2. THE KIRIN WORKERS APPARENTLY BEGAN THEIR OPEN ASSAULT ON THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE OVER A MONTH AGO, AFTER THE MARCH 15 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL SLAMMED "SOME COMRADES" THROUGHOUT THE PRC WHO MADE "SERIOUS MISTAKES" (HONG KONG 2956). THE UNIONS HELD A GRAND RALLY MARCH 18 "WITH THE APPROVAL" OF THE KIRIN CCP COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO THE BROADCAST, THE RALLY "FULLY DISPLAYED THE ROLE OF THE WORKERS" AS THE PARTY-LED MOVEMENT'S "MAJOR FORCE" WORKING TO BRING DOWN LIN PIAO'S FOLLOWERS IN KIRIN.

3. BUT PROBLEMS SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOPED, AS THE APRIL 18 BROADCAST NOW REVEALS. AMONG THE PROVINCE'S "LEADING CADRE" WERE SOME WHO, "FEARING THAT THEY THEMSELVES WOULD BE BURNED BY THE FIRE," INSTEAD "SUPPRESSED THE MASSES." OMINOUSLY, THE BROADCAST ADDS " THE PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE SHOULD MAINLY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROBLEMS THAT APPEARED IN THE LAST STAGE OF THE MOVEMENT. THE SHARP CRITICISM OF THE PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE'S MISTAKES IN LEADING THE MOVEMENT PUT FORTH BY THE BROAD REVOLUTIONARY MASSES IS FULLY JUSTIFIED."

4. ACCORDING TO THE BROADCAST, A SECOND TRADE UNION MASS RALLY WAS HELD APRIL 17, THIS TIME IN THE MUNICIPAL STADIUM OF CHANGCHUN, KIRIN'S CAPITAL. AT THE SAME TIME, THE UNIONS SPONSORED 500 BRANCH MEETINGS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE PROVINCE. "RESPONSIBLE COMRADES" OF THE KIRIN CCP COMMITTEE ATTENDED. BUT KIRIN TRADE UNION CHIEF TSUNG HSI-YUN WAS THE ONLY PROVINCIAL OFFICIAL REPORTED ADDRESSING THE CHANGCHUN RALLY.

5. IN HIS SPEECH, TSUNG TWICE DENOUNCED LIN PIAO'S "SWORN FOLLOWERS WHO FREQUENTLY SNEAKED INTO KIRIN." TSUNG WENT ON TO MAKE A DETAILED AND STINGING CRITICISM OF RECENT ACTIONS TAKEN BY LOCAL LEADERS, HITTING THEM FOR THEIR "FEAR" AND "CAUTION" IN AROUSING THE MASSES; FOR THEIR VIEW OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AS "RIDDLED WITH CRISES" THAT CREATED AN "UNSTABLE" POLITICAL SITUATION; AND FOR THEIR USING "WICKED TACTICS TO INSTIGATE THE MASSES TO FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES." TSUNG'S CHARGES ARE SERIOUS, AND OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO BRING DOWN CERTAIN KIRIN LEADERS.

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(TSUNG DID OFFER THE LEADERS A WAY OUT--THEY COULD "UNDERTAKE SELF"CRITICISM BRAVELY." SINCE BRAVE SELF-CRITICISM ARE OFTEN BRAVE ACTS OF SELF-DESTRUCTION, TSUNG'S OFFER DOES NOT SEEM GENUINE.)

6. AS FOR THE WORKERS, TSUNG CALLED UPON THEM TO "RISE UP AND REBEL" AGAINST LIN PIAO'S "SWORN FOLLOWERS," BUT WARNED THEM NOT TO SPLIT INTO "TWO MUTUALLY ANTAGONISTIC MAJOR FACTIONS,"

NOT TO FORM SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE MOVEMENT, AND NOT TO ENGAGE IN "EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES" (CHUAN LIEN) BETWEEN TRADES AND AREAS. IN OTHER WORDS, TSUNG VERY MUCH WANTS A MORE MATURE LABOR MOVEMENT THAN THE UNDISCIPLINED, RED GUARD-INSPIRED WORKERS FACTIONS THAT GAVE LEFTISM A BAD NAME DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. TSUNG'S WARNING MAY INDICATE THAT THIS KIND OF FACTIONAL ACTIVITY IS ALREADY A PROBLEM.

7. COMMENT. THE KIRIN PATTERN OF USING THE TRADE UNIONS AND OTHER MASS ORGANIZATIONS (TSUNG ALSO SPOKE OF THE WOMEN; APRIL 17 BROADCAST) TO BRING DOWN TARGETED PROVINCIAL LEADERS IS ONE WE COULD SEE REPEATED IN MANY OTHER PROVINCIAL-LEVEL UNITS. ALREADY A SIMILAR PATTERN HAS EMERGED IN HEILUNGKIANG (APRIL 6 BROADCAST), AND KIANGSU (HONG KONG 4007). IN SEVERAL OTHER PROVINCES, THE TRADE UNIONS HAVE PRESIDED OVER MASS RALLIES THAT MAY LEAD TO A KIRIN-LIKE CONFRONTATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PROVINCIAL CCP COMMITTEES.
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